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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION - IMF NEGOTIATIONS

MEDIA COVERAGE CONTINUED ON IMF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGAL  
ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE. MARCH 26 CENTER-RIGHT  
"COMERCIO DO PORTO" REPORTED NYTIMES EDITORIAL OPPOSING  
PURPORTED IMF CONDITIONS TO LOAN UNDER LARGE FRONT-PAGE  
HEADLINE: "NEW YORK TIMES SOUNDS THE WARNING: AUSTERITY  
PROPOSED BY THE IMF THREATENS FRAGIL PORTUGUESE  
DEMOCRACY." AND ACCOMPANYING CARTOON SHOWS PORTUGUESE  
JOHN Q. PUBLIC BEING KNOCKED FLAT BY A HUGE EASTER  
EGG LABELED "HAPPY EASTER: IMF CONDITIONS."  
PRO-COMMUNIST PRESS WAS ESPECIALLY DILIGENT MARCH 28 AND  
29 IN REPORTING ARRIVAL OF IMF DELEGATIONS THIS WEEK FOR  
FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO POPULAR"  
MARCH 28 LEAD ON ITS REPORT WAS:  
"AT A MOMENT IN WHICH PORTUGAL READIES PREPARATION  
OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET AND ANNUAL PLAN FOR 1978,  
DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL DEFINE A NEW APPROACH FOR THE  
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ECONOMIC CRISIS, OUR COUNTRY IS BEING VISITED BY  
DELEGATIONS OF THE HIGHEST ORDER FROM THE  
CAPITALISTIC WORLD -- TO SEEK NEGOTIATIONS OF  
FORMULAS FOR ASSISTANCE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO  
IMPOSE CONDITIONS WHICH AFFECT POLICIES OF  
AUSTERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

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